

SPECIFICATION AS AMENDED

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 26, with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 5 illustrates the implementation of the invention in the case where the lower layer corresponds to an ADSL layer and the upper layer to an ARQ layer. The layer above the ARQ (Automatic Retransmission Request) layer is an ATM layer. The ATM layer is intended to bear ATM cells, which are generally composed of 48 bytes for the payload and 5 bytes for the header.